

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been an amazing half term, filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences and many achievements to celebrate. We have been delighted with the progress the children are making across all areas of the curriculum. Their enthusiasm for learning, positive attitudes and determination to succeed have been wonderful to see.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our whole-school unit of work on Belonging at the start of the term, which provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be part of our school and wider community. They have also embraced their new inquiries this term, with a particular focus on Humanities. Across the school, classes have been exploring where they live, the world around them and key moments in history, developing their curiosity and understanding of the wider world.

We have also been working hard to embed our school values of 'Respect, Care, Inspire and Achieve'. The children have also adapted brilliantly to our new school rules, centred around being 'Safe, Respectful Learners'. We are incredibly proud of the way they have embraced these expectations and demonstrated them each day.

It has also been a remarkable term of partnership, and I would like to sincerely thank you all for your contributions and support. We have had so much to celebrate together, from our after-school community event and Grandparents' Day to our phonics and reading workshops, food bank collections, parents' evenings and PTA events. It has been a real pleasure to see so many families attending and supporting these occasions. We know the positive impact that strong home-school partnerships have on children's success and wellbeing, and we are grateful for the time and commitment you give, especially amidst the demands of what I know are very busy family lives!

I would like to end by saying what a privilege it is to be Headteacher of this wonderful school community. The children are an absolute delight and we are incredibly proud of every one of them. Their kindness, enthusiasm and determination make our school a very special place to be.

Please have a wonderful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting and productive half term. Thank you once again for all your continued support

Warm regards,

Kelly Watkins

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

RJS	97.9%
RND	96.7%
RSB	96.9%
1CZ	97.6%
1BC	97.5%
1KH	97.2%
2BM	98.2%
2SB	96.8%
2JF	97.9%
3KC	94.5%
3TL	93.7%
3RP	96.5%
4TP	96.8%
4SH	96.1%
4JP	97.9%
5EL	96.6%
5LD	96.1%
5SJ	95.6%
6MR	94.2%
6MB	96.7%
6MM	94.1%

Attendance in school is extremely important to ensure that children achieve their full potential. Our school target for this year is to have attendance of at least 96% across the school. We are currently at 96.2% so on target!

Congratulations to 2BM who are currently top of the table with an impressive 98.2%!

When reviewing our attendance, holidays during term time is still having an impact on our overall attendance figures.

Your Child's Attendance	National Guidelines
100% - 95%	Optimum chance to achieve well. Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
94.99% - 90%	Satisfactory, although your child may have to spend time catching up with work they have missed.
Below 90%	Cause for concern: - 1. Your child may be at risk of underachieving. 2. Your child may need extra support from you to help catch up with missed work. Your child may be missing out on a broad and balanced education.

Please help us to achieve our overall target of 96% this year!

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 6th November	Year 1 St Fagans Trip
Monday 9th to Friday 13th November	Interfaith Week
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day Year 6 Cardiff Castle trip and Year 3 cinema trip
Thursday 12th November	Year 5 Cadbury World Trip
Friday 13th November	Flu Spray Immunisations Reception to Year 6
Monday 16th to Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day - wear odd socks to school
Thursday 19th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Friday 20th November	Children in Need- wear pyjamas or own clothes to school (no onesies please!)
Thursday 26th November	PTA Christmas event
Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December	Year 4 Senedd Trip
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day- wear Christmas jumper to school
Monday 7th - Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Concerts (See next page for further information)
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn Term

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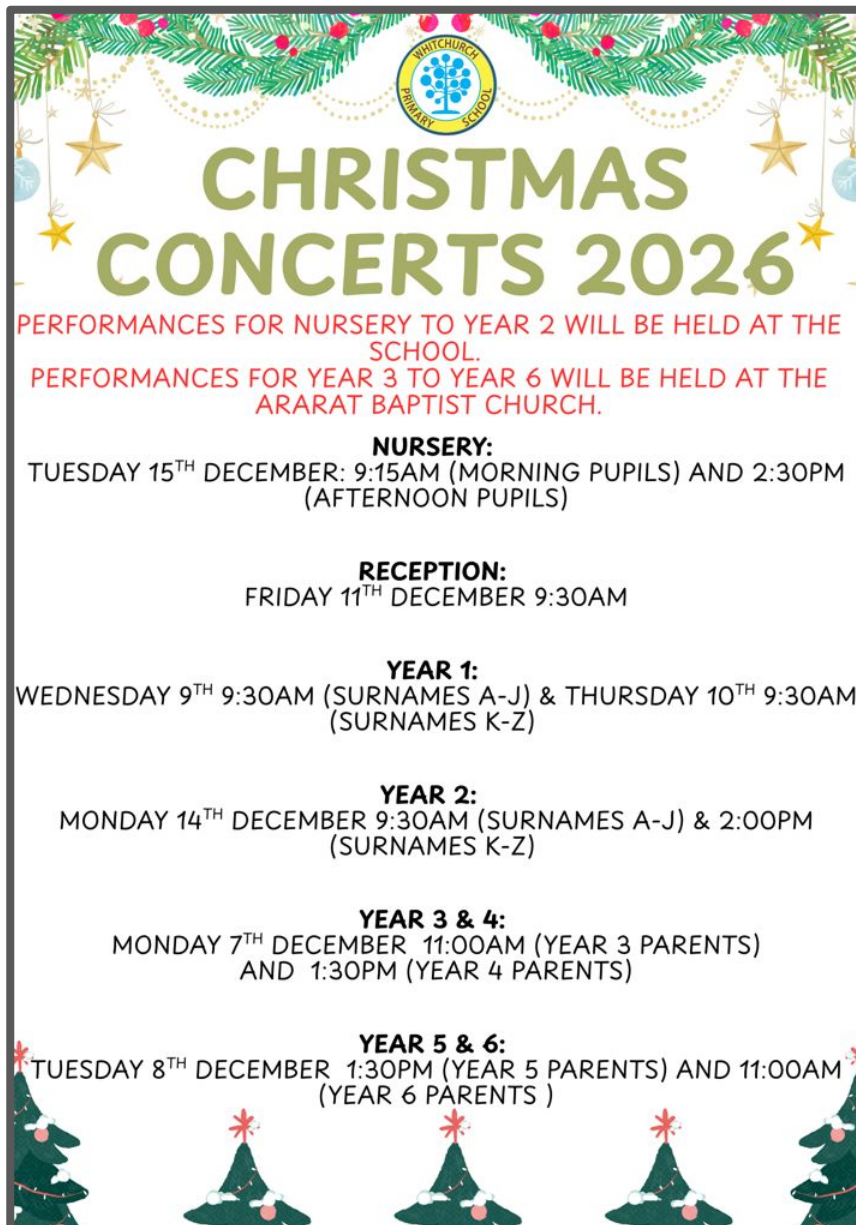
INSET Days 2026/2027

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 19th March 2027

Monday 14th June 2027

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2026



The poster features a festive border with green pine branches, red berries, and gold stars. At the top center is the Whitchurch Primary School logo, which is a blue circle containing a white tree and the words 'WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL'. The main title 'CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2026' is written in large, bold, green capital letters. Below the title, there are two lines of text in red: 'PERFORMANCES FOR NURSERY TO YEAR 2 WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL.' and 'PERFORMANCES FOR YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 WILL BE HELD AT THE ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH.' The poster then lists the dates and times for each year group: NURSERY (Tuesday 15th December, 9:15AM and 2:30PM), RECEPTION (Friday 11th December, 9:30AM), YEAR 1 (Wednesday 9th, 9:30AM and Thursday 10th, 9:30AM), YEAR 2 (Monday 14th December, 9:30AM and 2:00PM), YEAR 3 & 4 (Monday 7th December, 11:00AM and 1:30PM), and YEAR 5 & 6 (Tuesday 8th December, 1:30PM and 11:00AM). The bottom of the poster is decorated with five small green Christmas trees.

**WHITCHURCH
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2026

PERFORMANCES FOR NURSERY TO YEAR 2 WILL BE HELD AT THE
SCHOOL.
PERFORMANCES FOR YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 WILL BE HELD AT THE
ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH.

NURSERY:
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER: 9:15AM (MORNING PUPILS) AND 2:30PM
(AFTERNOON PUPILS)

RECEPTION:
FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER 9:30AM

YEAR 1:
WEDNESDAY 9TH 9:30AM (SURNAME A-J) & THURSDAY 10TH 9:30AM
(SURNAME K-Z)

YEAR 2:
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 9:30AM (SURNAME A-J) & 2:00PM
(SURNAME K-Z)

YEAR 3 & 4:
MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 11:00AM (YEAR 3 PARENTS)
AND 1:30PM (YEAR 4 PARENTS)

YEAR 5 & 6:
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 1:30PM (YEAR 5 PARENTS) AND 11:00AM
(YEAR 6 PARENTS)

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The Friends of Whitchurch Primary
presents...

After school festive fun

featuring a story time with

Santa

Thursday 26th November
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Come along and join in
the fun at this year's
Christmas event with
crafts, food & games.
Fun for all the family.



Make the event extra special by booking a
ticket for a story with Santa -

£5 per child

which includes a small gift.



**TICKETS
ON SALE**

Tickets on sale on the following dates

Thursday 5th November
Friday 6th November
Monday 9th November
Tuesday 10th November
Wednesday 11th November



Tickets are limited so get yours early to
avoid disappointment.
Tickets won't be available to purchase on the day.



 ✨ Join us for some festive fun! ✨ 

Come along to our PTA Christmas event for a festive celebration filled with fun! Enjoy festive crafts, exciting games, and delicious treats from our food and refreshment stalls.

 Story Time with Santa! 

Make the event extra special with a magical story time with Santa himself! Sessions are available at 3.30pm, 4pm, 4.30pm and 5pm.

 Tickets cost £5 per child and include a small gift!

✨ Entry to the Christmas event is completely FREE, so bring the whole family along and get into the festive spirit.

We can't wait to celebrate with you! ❤️ 

Tickets for Story with Santa are for sale before and after school on 5th, 6th, 9th 10th & 11th of November.

Numbers are strictly limited so make sure you get your tickets early.

Tickets will not be available on the day.

PTA HALLOWEEN COMPETITIONS

Llongyfarchiadau to the winners of the Friends of Whitchurch Primary pumpkin colouring and pumpkin carving competitions!
Our School Council members had the difficult job of choosing from so many fantastic entries.
Da iawn to everyone who took part!







SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD

Thank you for wearing red!

WPS proudly took part in *Show Racism the Red Card Day*; standing together to raise awareness and promote equality, respect, and inclusion for everyone.





ECO COMMITTEE

Our Eco Committee has made a fantastic start this year!
We collected an amazing 122.5kg of food donations for Cardiff Foodbank and completed our first litter pick as part of our commitment to being a Litter Free Zone.

We are very proud of the positive difference our pupils are making in our school and wider community.

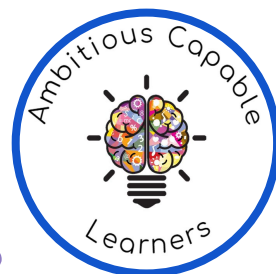


READING COMMITTEE

The Reading Committee has been very busy promoting a love of reading across the school. We helped to organise and display posters around the school to advertise the Book Fair and encourage families to visit. We have also taken responsibility for looking after the library areas in PS1/2 and PS3, making sure they are tidy, inviting and well organised. During our meetings, we discussed the importance of reading for pleasure and shared ideas about how we can encourage more children to enjoy reading at home with their families.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



Members of the School Council attended Anna McMottin's coffee morning to raise money for Velindre.



The School Council members had the challenging task of judging the Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Pumpkin Drawing competitions! Diolch yn fawr to all of the pupils for your wonderful entries.

